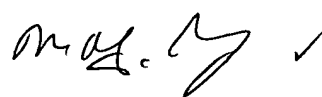


## REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application as amended is requested. By way of the present amendment, Claims 1-10 have been canceled. Claim 11 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of Claim 14, which was indicated as being allowable, and Claim 14 has been canceled. Claims 15 and 21 have also been canceled. Claims 16-20 stand allowed.

This application is in condition for allowance and notification to this effect is solicited. A request for a three-month extension of time is being submitted concurrently herewith, along with a \$950 check for the required fee. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 50-0626.

Respectfully submitted,

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